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SUBJ: PPP'S JAGAN PARTICIPATED IN RULING PNC'S RALLY FOR MPLA;
CHINESE WALK OUT

REF: A. GEORGETOWN 2219; B. 0002; C. 0007

SUMMARY: THE RULING PEOPLES NATIONAL CONGRESS (PNC)
SPONSORED A RALLY IN SUPPORT OF THE MPLA DURING A
VISIT BY THREE PERSON MPLA DELEGATION TO GUYANA. PRO-
MPLA SPEECHES WERE GIVEN BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
REID AND PPP LEADER CHEDDI JAGAN, LEADER OF THE PPP.
PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM WAS PRESENT BUT DID NOT
SPEAK. CRITICISM BY JAGAN OF THE CHINESE POSITION
ON ANGOLA AND ITS HESIS OF TWO IMPERIALISMS LED
TO WALK-OUT BY CHINESE EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES.
END SUMMARY.

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1. THE RULING PNC SPONSORED A RALLY FOR THE MPLA

DELEGATION CURRENTLY IN GUYANA (REF A) ON DEC 30. THE RALLY WAS REPORTEDLY ATTENDED BY ABOUT 3,000 PERSONS. RALLY WAS CHAIRED BY PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS MINISTER AND THE PNC CHAIRMAN CAMMIE RAMSAROOP. SPEECHES WERE DELIVERED BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. PTOLEMY REID, LEADER OF THE MPLA DELEGATION MAJOR HENRIQUE DE CARVALHO SANTOS, AND GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE PPP DR. CHEDDI JAGAN. PM BURNHAM SAT ON THE PLATFORM BUT DID NOT SEPAK.

2. REID AND RAMSAROOP STRESSED OPPOSITION TO SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION ON THE SIDE OF THE FNLA-UNITA FORCES AND STATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE MPLA'S STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND APARTHEID. REID ALSO STATED QUOTE WE IN GUYANA ALSO TAKE THE STAND THAT IF SOUTH AFRICA IS ON ANY SIDE, THEN THAT SIDE MUST BE THE ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE OF GUYANA UNQUOTE. CARVALHO SANTOS GAVE A HISTORY OF THE MPLA STRUGGLE IN ANGOLA ND THANKED THE GOG FOR ITS SUPPORT FOR AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. JAGAN EITERATED HIS APTY'S SUPPORT FOR THE MPLA ND CALLED ON THE GOG TO IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZE THE MPLA ND PERMIT CUBA TO USE GUYANA AS A REFUELING STOP FOR MILITARY AIRLIFT TO ANGOLA. HE ALSO ATTACKED THE U.S. FOR ITS INVOLVEMENT IN THE CONFLICT, REJECTED THE OAU FORMULA, STRONGLY ATTACKED THE CHINESE SUPPORT FOR THE FNLA-UNITA FORCES, AND CALLED ON THE GOG TO REJECT CHINESE INFLUENCE. CRITICISMS OF THE CHINESE GOVT LED TO A WALK-OUT BY THE CHINESE EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE.

3. COMMENT: THIS WAS THE FIRST PNC-ORGANIZED FUNCTION AT WHICH WE RECALL PPP LEADER JAGAN'S PARTICIPATION, DESPITE HIS POLICY OF CRITICAL SUPPORT FOR BURNHAM'S INCREASINGLY ORTHODOX MARXIKSM-LENINISM ANNOUNCED SIX MONTHS AGO. JAGAN SAT IN THE AUDIENCE, NOT ON THE PLATFORM. AN OBSERVER TOLD US BURNHAM WAS OBVIOUSLY UNCOMFORTABLE DURING JAGAN'S ANTI-CHINESE REMARKS, GESTURING TO HIM TO TONE THEM DOWN. BURNHAM TOOK THE MPLA DELEGATION WITH HIM ON JANUARY 1 TO A RALLY CELEBRATING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONALIZATION OF FORMER REYNONDS (U.S.)
GUYANA MINES, WHERE HE MADE AN EVEN MORE CATEGORIC STATEMENT OF SUPPORT OF MPLA (SEE REFTEL C).
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